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July 24, 1990

Honorable Tom Keith
Circuit Judge-19th Circuit
Courthouse - Suite 225
100 Northeast "A" Street
Bentonville, AR 72712

Re: Case # 90-130

Dear Judge Keith,

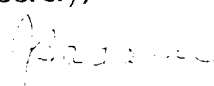
The Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission has reviewed its file, your reply to Mr. Muldoon's sworn complaint and your testimony before the Commission on July 19, 1990. This letter concerns the complaint that you unreasonably delayed the decision in the case of Foster vs. Aquino for approximately 22 months. The case was presented to you for decision on May 26, 1988. After receiving a copy of the complaint from the Commission, you decided the case on March 13, 1990. The decree was entered on June 12, 1990 and filed the next day.

The Commission found your delay in deciding the case of Foster vs. Aquino to be unreasonable and a failure to promptly dispose of the business of the Court in violation of Canon 3A(5) of the Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct. You are therefore admonished and directed to keep better records of pending cases.

This Commission action is public information.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

Sincerely,


James A. Badami
Executive Director